**On-Demand Personal Essay Writing Pre Assessment**

**Pre-Assessment Instructions:**

Students should be at their regular writing seats and will need loose-leaf paper and pencils. They need to be able to add pages if they want. Write the following statement on the board:

***“Is it better to have one best friend or many friends?”***

**Tell students:**

Read the statement, ***“Is it better to have one best friend or many friends?”*** aloud from the board. Have the students think about whether or not they agree with the statement.

“Let’s each write our opinion about this big idea – a piece that shows our best work. You will have an hour to write your opinion about this big idea and think of stories from your life that you can use to support your opinion. Use everything you know about good writing.”

Have students begin their opinion writing.

**Note:**

This on-demand assessment shows what students know about essay writing to write about a given idea. Score these essays using the ***Opinion Rubric on the ELA Weebly.*** Pay close attention to what your writers can already do and almost do. This information will help you focus on goals for your students. Use the same rubric to score their published essays at the end of this unit to show what they have learned.